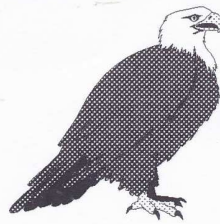


WERRIBEE BIRDWATCHERS

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Our ramble continued along the Werribee River, this time we went from Riverbend Historical toward the Shaw's Rd., Bridge. Again Heather Noble of the River Preservation Group joined the group and was able to fill us on the history of the area, and gives us details of the plants too. It was interesting to know the Chaffey Bothers, probably best remembered around Mildura, started up in Werribee. We were also delighted to welcome Ann Raymond who is leading the Bird Watching Course with U.3.A.

Again we commend the City Of Werribee, who, when Jennings were developing the area ensured they did some reclamation work on the river. We now have a delightful recreation area any town would be proud to own.

Should we ever be able to get in touch with Rohan Bugg about a slide night we will be grateful to accept Bev. Abbotts offer of her home as a venue. Do await further information.

Future Meeting, (still in suggestion stage, so if you have other ideas please bring them to the next outing).

July 1st. Werribee River, revisited from Shaws Rd., Up stream on right hand side. We will meet near to the bridge at 9-30am, bring your thermos for 'birdcall' at about 11.30am. There is a spare block of land where we should be able to park. We assume the weather will be as delightful as on June 3rd.

August 5th

September 2nd Cobbledicks' Ford.

October 3rd. Friday .Jells' Park, Community Bus. Make your bookings as there are only 20 seats on the bus.

November 14th. Community Bus, destination will be decided when your replies are in.

December 2nd. Point Lillias Revisited.

Birds seen on the Werribee river
June 3rd

Pacific Black Duck
White -faced heron
Dusky Swampphen
Eurasian Coot
Straw-neck Ibis
Sacred Ibis
Cattle Egret.
Dove
Red rumped parrot
Purple crowned lorikeet
Welcome swallow
Willy wagtail
Superb fairy wren
Yellow rumped thornbill.
Red wattle bird
Fantail cuckoo
White-plumed honeyeater
Tree sparrow
House sparrow
Magpie
Magpie lark
Little raven
Silvereye
Zebra Finch
Starling
Blackbird
Raptor, Brown Falcon?